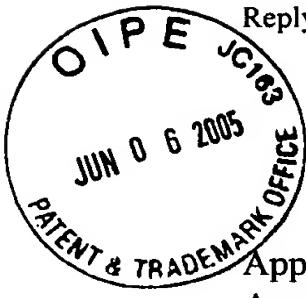


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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT "B1"

Sir:

This supplemental amendment is filed in response to the Final Office action dated December 16, 2004 (Paper No. 20041211) and the Advisory Action dated April 20, 2005 (paper no. 20050406). The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on March 16, 2005. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, 3 months, up to and including June 16, 2005. An RCE is being filed along with this amendment. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1810 to cover the three month extension of time fee of \$1020 and the RCE fee of \$790.

Applicants requests the following additional amendments be made to the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.